

House Ethics Panel To Issue Subpoena For Tongsun Park

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (UPI)—The House ethics committee has ordered Tongsun Park to testify in its inquiry into alleged South Korean influence buying and a subpoena will be served immediately on his return to Washington, the panel's chairman, Representative John J. Flynt Jr., said today.

But even as Mr. Flynt, a Georgia Democrat, announced those plans, it appeared that Mr. Park might not come back from Seoul for months as a result of a postponement of criminal trials for the only two men, aside from Mr. Park, who have

been indicted so far in connection with the scandal.

Trials for former Representative Richard T. Hanna, Democrat of California and Hancho Kim, a Korean-born businessman, had been scheduled to open next Monday. But lawyers for the defendants said they had won a delay in Mr. Kim's trial until Feb. 27 and that Mr. Hanna had been pushed back indefinitely.

Mr. Flynt made clear that he and other committee members were dissatisfied with the Justice Department's arrangement, announced last Friday, for bringing Mr. Park's a businessman, back for its criminal investigation under immunity from the 36-count indictment against him.

Statement by Flynt

The agreement contained no specific provision for making Mr. Park available for Congressional investigations of the

scandal, and Mr. Flynt said today in announcing the decision to issue a subpoena:

"I have directed that it be served upon Mr. Park as soon as he enters the jurisdiction of the United States. The subpoena will require that he remain within that jurisdiction until such time as his testimony before the committee has been completed."

Immediately after announcement of the agreement Friday, the ethics panel's special counsel, Leon Jaworski, denounced it as "unacceptable" and urged members of Congress to demand Mr. Park's appearance at Congressional inquiries.

Mr. Park's Washington lawyer, William Hundley, could not be reached for comment on the ethics committee's move to interrogate his client, who is alleged to have been the key figure in secret Korean lobbying in Congress to win favorable United States policies in the 1970's.

But Congressional sources said that the delay of the trials for Mr. Hanna and Mr. Kim made it unlikely that Mr. Park would be in Washington soon.

A Justice Department spokesman said that top officials still planned to leave for Seoul this weekend to start questioning Mr. Park.

Mr. Park has been indicted on 36 counts of conspiracy, mail fraud, corruption and bribery. Under the new United States-Korean agreement, those charges would be dropped if he testified truthfully as a Government witness in prosecution of others.

Wolff Employee to Reply

TOKYO, Jan. 4 (UPI)—Representative Lester L. Wolff, Democrat of Nassau-Queens, said today that a woman employee of his office would soon respond to

accusations of perjury made by Mr. Jaworski.

Mr. Jaworski on Dec. 27 accused Bonni Robinson of perjury before the House ethics committee and of destroying or hiding documents in Mr. Wolff's office related to the case of Tongsun Park.

"She will respond, I believe, within the 21-day period allowed her by law," Mr. Wolff said at a news conference.

Mr. Wolff and a party of 10 other Representatives wound up an overnight visit to Japan today and left by United States military plane for the Philippines.

He is chairman of a House subcommittee on Asian and Pacific affairs. The party of legislators is on a 20-day, 10-country study tour to gather information on military affairs and narcotics problems.

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